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In re the Application of

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For: REMOVABLE MEDIUM RECORDING/REPRODUCTION DEVICE,
MEDIUM EXPELLING CONTROL METHOD FOR REMOVABLE
MEDIUM RECORDING/REPRODUCTION DEVICE, AND
REMOVABLE MEDIUM EXPELLING CONTROL METHOD FOR
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which includes the references cited in the attached International Search Report as well as the reference cited in the specification at page 2. The relevancy of the cited references is indicated in the Search Report and specification. A copy of the cited references is submitted herewith.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and

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1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,



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